

## **APPENDIX 7**

### **SURFACE WATER CLASSES**

Section 4. Surface Water Classes and Uses. There are four classes of surface water in Wyoming (see Appendix A for listing):

(a) Class 1 - Those surface waters in which no further water quality degradation by point source discharges other than from dams will be allowed. Nonpoint sources of pollution shall be controlled through implementation of appropriate best management practices. In designating class 1 waters, the Environmental Quality Council shall consider water quality, aesthetic, scenic, recreational, ecological, agricultural, botanical, zoological, municipal, industrial, historical, geological, cultural, archaeological, fish and wildlife, the presence of significant quantities of developable water and other values of present and future benefit to the people.

(b) Class 2 - Those surface waters, other than those classified as class 1, which are determined to:

- (i) Be presently supporting game fish; or
- (ii) Have the hydrologic and natural water quality potential to support game fish; or
- (iii) Include nursery areas or food sources for game fish.

(c) Class 3 - Those surface waters, other than those classified as class 1, which are determined to:

- (i) Be presently supporting nongame fish only; or
- (ii) Have the hydrologic and natural water quality potential to support nongame fish only;  
or
- (iii) Include nursery areas of food sources for nongame fish only.

(d) Class 4 - Those surface waters, other than those classified as class 1, which are determined to not have the hydrologic or natural water quality potential to support fish and include all intermittent and ephemeral streams. Class 4 waters shall receive protection for agriculture uses and wildlife watering.

(e) Prior to proposing any changes in water classifications, the Department of Environmental Quality shall notify in writing local users including the water commissioner, soil conservation committee, irrigation districts, county commissioners, and county ASCS. In addition, the Department of Environmental Quality shall notify in writing the Wyoming State Engineer, the Wyoming Water Development Commission, and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

All class 1 and 2 waters are designated as coldwater game fisheries unless identified as a warm water game fishery by a "ww" notation in Appendix A.

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